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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : [] Report

1. In response to your memo of 4 January we had started action to bring ourselves up to date early in December. I anticipate that I will be able to provide you with a final report about the middle of this month and certainly not later than the end of it.

2. Quite surprisingly, a good deal of progress has been made. First off, we actually have a revised set of PNIO's now being considered for an Agency position before being proposed to USIB. As you will remember, several other actions depend upon this.

3. The Information Requirements Staff (IRS) and the Information Requirements Advisory Group (IRAG) are doing what we hoped they would, namely, developing sensible collection guidance. The shift in responsibilities from the old COMOR to the SIGINT Committee seems to be working out quite satisfactorily with the SIGINT Committee's Intelligence Guidance Subcommittee making progress in the reduction of duplication between

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4. Inter-Directorate coordination and senior level coordination on overhead requirements is working very well as is the IRAG effort to validate and coordinate between production and collection elements requirements on human resource collection. In this connection we are now getting towards the end of a 90 day trial period on validation procedures applicable to human resources requirements (i.e., [] collection). The test period ends 31 January. After this IRAG will establish permanent procedures and then turn to work on SIGINT and Imagery systems.

5. We still have some soft spots which need resolution. One is the question of whether action is required on the Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives (CNIO's). My present view is, leave them alone. Another is the practical utility of the IPC list. Still another is the determination of whether some additional methods for a collection guidance program for [] is really necessary. Last,

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but not least, is facing up to the very strong feeling that even if we suspended all requirements (possibly excepting imagery) the current information flow would continue largely because the machinery to effect collection has become so extensive that it isn't easily turned off.

6. As stated above, I hope to have a full, definitive and (hopefully) final report for you by the end of this month.

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